

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An icon display system is provided in which a train of icons (icon train) selectable on an icon menu screen are managed by a display icon management table (28) and non-display icon management table (29) to visualize a part of the entire icon train by disposing it on an orbit (50) while holding the other part of the icon train as invisible icons on the screen and displaying the invisible icons by moving the icon train on the orbit. Also, some icons are made to visually disappear at a discontinuity (52) of the orbit (50) by moving the icon train on the orbit (50) and the new icons can be made to appear at the discontinuity (52) to the screen. By representing the disappearance of icons and appearance of the new icons with a visual effect such as a variation, with time elapse, of shape, color, size or the like of the icons, the user can intuitively recognize the disappearance and appearance of the icons. With this system, patterns of individual icons can be prevented from being indiscernible from each other no matter how many icons are set selectable on the display screen, and thus the user can easily select a desired icon.